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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Docket 2015-0053; Sequence 16]

[OMB Control No. 9000-0095]

Information Collection; Commerce Patent Regulations

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for comments regarding the extension of a previously existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, Regulatory Secretariat Division will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a previously approved information collection requirement concerning Department of Commerce patent regulations.

DATES: Submit comments on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments identified by Information Collection 9000-0095, Commerce Patent Regulations, by any of the following methods:

- Regulations.gov: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by searching the OMB control number. Select the link "Submit a Comment" that corresponds with "Information

Collection 9000-0095, Commerce Patent Regulations".

Follow the instructions provided at the "Submit a Comment" screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and "Information Collection 9000-0095, Commerce Patent Regulations" on your attached document.

- Mail: General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405. ATTN: Ms. Flowers/IC 9000-0095, Commerce Patent Regulations.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 9000-0095, Commerce Patent Regulations, in all correspondence related to this collection. Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check www.regulations.gov, approximately two to three days after submission to verify posting (except allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Edward Loeb, Procurement Analyst, Office of Governmentwide Acquisition Policy, GSA, 202-501-0650 or email edward.loeb@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

FAR subpart 27.3, Patents Rights under Government Contracts, implements the Department of Commerce regulation (37 CFR 401) based on chapter 18 of title 35 U.S.C., Presidential Memorandum on Government Patent Policy to the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies, dated February 18, 1983, and Executive Order 12591, Facilitating Access to Science and Technology, dated April 10, 1987. Under the subpart, a contracting officer may insert clauses 52.227-11, Patent Rights-Ownership by the Contractor, or 52.227-13, Patent Rights-Ownership by the Government, in solicitations and contracts pertaining to inventions made in the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work.

In accordance with the clauses, a Government contractor must report all subject inventions to the contracting officer, submit a disclosure of the invention, and identify any publication, or sale, or public use of the invention (52.227-11(c), 52.227-13(e)(1)). The contracting officer may modify 52.227-11(e) or otherwise supplement the clause to require contractors to submit periodic or interim and final reports listing subject inventions (27.303(b)(2)(i) and (ii)). In order to ensure that subject inventions are reported, the contractor is required to establish and

maintain effective procedures for identifying and disclosing subject inventions (52.227-11, Alternate IV; 52.227-13(e)(1)). In addition, the contractor must require his employees, by written agreements, to disclose subject inventions (52.227-11(e)(2); 52.227-13(e)(4)). The contractor also has an obligation to utilize the subject invention, and agree to report, upon request, the utilization or efforts to utilize the subject invention (27.302(e); 52.227-11(f)).

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 3759.

Responses Per Respondent: 3.8143.

Total Responses: 14,338.

Hours Per Response: 4.0.

Total Burden Hours: 57,352.

C. Public Comments

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond,

through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

OBTAINING COPIES OF PROPOSALS: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration (GSA), Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street, NW Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202-501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0095, Commerce Patent Regulations, in all correspondence.

Dated: April 20, 2016.

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